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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE SESSION 20 AND 21 JUNE

1. OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE 320TH SESSION OPENED AFTERNOON 20 JUNE WITH ADDRESSES BY AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KIRSCHLAGER, OSC CHAIRMAN JANKOWTISCH, AND A MESSAGE FROM SYG WALDHEIM READ BY UNDER SYG SCHEVCHENKO. KIRSCHLAGER STRESSED THEME OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND EXPRESSED HOPE A SECOND SPACE CONFERENCE--FIRST HAVING BEEN HELD VIENNA 1968--WILL SOON TAKE PLACE. HE NOTED THE UN CITY BEING CONSTRUCTED HERE. JANKOWTISCH URGED THE OSC TO ADD TO ITS CURRENT STUDIES FIVE ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE EVEN IF ADMITTEDLY OF SECOND PRIORITY: FEASIBILITY OF SOLAR ENERGY TRANSMISSION, SPACE TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIES AFFORDED BY SHUTTLE TECHNOLOGY, MOST EFFECTIVE AND EQUAL USE OF GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT, EFFORTS TO FIND EXTRATERRESTRIAL CIVILIZATIONS, AND MANUFACTURING IN THE SPACE ENVIRONMENT. HE WELCOMED TRANSFER OF PUBLIC INTEREST FROM EARLIER SPACE SPECTACULARS AND THE CURRENT EMPHASIS OF MAKING SPACE TECHNOLOGY WORK FOR ITS LIVING. HE REITERATED THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE'S HOPE THAT TELEVISION DIRECT BROADCAST GUIDELINES CAN BE AGREED DURING THE CURRENT SESSION.

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2. WE HAD A USEFUL MEETING WITH UK DEL 20 JUNE AND A SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF DBS JUNE 21 WITH WEO PLUS JAPANESE DELS. STEPHEN BARRETT OF FCO HAS ASSUMED THE CHAIARMSHIP OF THIS INFORMAL GROUP, WHICH IS MOST HELPFUL. THE DISCUSSION IN THE GROUP REVEALED, AS EXPECTED, A VARIETY OF VIEWS, WITH FRANCE MOST STRONGLY ESPousing PRIOR CONSENT VIEWS,

AND THE UK, FRG AND THE US STANDING AT THE OTHER END OF THE SPECTRUM. IT WAS AGREED WE CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT TRY TO BACK AWAY FROM THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT FURTHER EFFORTS ON DBS BE UNDERTAKEN AT THE CURRENT OSC SESSION BUT THAT A WORKING GROUP SHOULD NOT BE SET UP UNTIL THE GENERAL DEBATE PHASE IN THE OSC ENDS MID-WEEK. TO THIS END, WE AND OTHERS SPOKE TO JANKOWITSCH WHO THUS CURTAILED HIS LATER ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE OSC TO SAYING ONLY THAT THERE IS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON CREATING A WORKING GROUP TO WHICH ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED AND FOR WHICH PETER RADEL (AUSTRIAN DEL; AUSTRIAN RADIO) WILL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN.

3. AT SECOND OSC MEETING, HELD AM 21 JUNE, SWEDEN, USSR, US, PAKISTAN AND UNESCO PRESENTED STATEMENTS ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. ON DBS, SWEDEN (RYDBECK) REITERATED SWEDISH VIEWS THAT SPILL-OVER SHOULD NOT BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY REQUIREMENT FOR CONSULTATIONS OR AGREEMENTS IN A POLITICAL FORUM OR CONTEXT, THIS BEING BUSINESS OF THE ITU. USSR (MAIORSKI) SAID, IN A RELATIVELY MINOR KEY, THAT THE COMMITTEE IS "VERY CLOSE TO COMPLETING" FORMULATION OF DBS GUIDELINES AND SENDING THEM TO THE 32ND GA FOR APPROVAL. HE SAID THE USSR BELIEVES THE PACKAGE CAN BE COMPLETED ONLY IF THE NINE PRINCIPLES AGREED AT THE 1976 SESSION ARE RETAINED, SUBJECT TO ANY NECESSARY DRAFTING REVISIONS, ESSENTIAL PASSAGES OF BAKER'S STATEMENT FOR THE US SEPTEL. JANKOWITSCH THEN ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO SET UP WORKING GROUP, ADDING THAT CONSULTATIONS

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WOULD DETERMINE THE BEST TIME FOR THE WORKING GROUP TO BEGIN.

4. US ALSO RAISED QUESTION WITH WEO'S OF COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS WITH THE OSC. WEO GROUP EXPECTEDLY DISLIKES EXPANSION OF OSC WHETHER DIRECTLY OR BY DEVELOPMENT OF OBSERVER TECHNIQUE. THIS MATTER ALSO RAISED IN DISCUSSION WITH SOV DEL (SEPTEL).

5. PAKISTAN STRESSED REMOTE SENSING AND NOTED THAT PLANS TO ESTABLISH LANDSATSTATION IN PAKISTAN HAVE BEEN SHELVED BECAUSE OF LACK OF CLEAR COMMITMENT FOR AN OPERATIONAL SPACE SEGMENT. WILL RECONSIDER WHEN ON OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY IS ESTABLISHED. IN ANY INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM, ENSD STATE MUST HAVE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE. MEEHAN

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